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The Synod of India met on the 9th day of November at 11 A.M. in the Mission Church of the Jumna Station Allahabad, and was opened with a Sermon by J. H. Morrison, D.D., the Moderator, from the words "For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet." 1 *Cor.* 15: 25.

After Sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called, and the following appeared as members of the Synod. Roll.

Presbytery of Allahabad.

Rev.—J. J. Walsh.
" T. S. Wynkoop.
" F. Heyl.
" J. J. Lucas.

Presbytery of Furrukhabad.

Rev.—A. Brodhead.
" W. F. Johnson.
" J. M. Alexander.
" T. Tracy.
" G. A. Seeley.
" B. D. Wyckoff.*

Presbytery of Lahore.

Rev.—J. Newton.
" C. W. Forman.
" R. Thackwell.*
" C. B. Newton.
" F. J. Newton.

Presbytery of Lodiana.

Rev.—J. H. Morrison, D. D.
" A. Rudolph.
" M. M. Carleton.*
" G. S. Bergen.
" W. J. P. Morrison.
" E. M. Wherry.
" J. Newton, Jr. M. D.*
" A. P. Kelso.*
" J. F. Holcomb.
" W. Basten.*

The following Ruling Elders were Present:

* The Asterisk denotes that those members of the Synod to whose names it is attached were not present at the first Meeting of the Synod, but appeared at a later date.

Thomas Scott, of the		Rakhá	Church.
J. F. Houston,	,,	Furrukhabad	,,
Daya Ram,	,,	Mynpoorie	,,
John Jacob,	,,	Futtehpore	,,
Narain Das,	,,	Santokh Májará	,,

Absent Members.

The following members of the Synod were absent during its Meetings; Revs. J. F. Ullmann, S. H. Kellogg, Golok Náth, K. C. Chatterjee, J. C. Bose, Isá Charan.

The minutes of the last Meeting were presented, and on motion approved and adopted.

Corresponding Members.

The following ministers who were present were invited to sit as Corresponding Members, Rev. S. R. Wynkoop, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick U. S. A., Rev. J. Williamson, Chaplain Church of Scotland, W. W. Scudder, D. D., Classis of Vellore, India; Rev. J. M. Thoburn, American Methodist Mission, Lucknow, Rev. Mr. Trafford, Baptist Mission, Serampore; and the following members of the Saharunpore Presbytery, *viz*:— Rev. J. S. Woodside, D. Herron, J. Caldwell, Theodore Wylie, and Kunwar Sain.

Election of Officers.

Synod proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of J. Newton, as *Moderator* and T. S. Wynkoop, *Clerk*.

On motion a recess was taken until 3 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, Nov. 9th 3 p. m.

Committee on Docket.

After recess the following Committees were appointed:

Committee on Docket.

W. F. Johnson.
J. J. Walsh.
E. M. Wherry.
C. W. Forman.

Committee on Pres. Records.

Committee on Presbyterial Records.

J. F. Holcomb.
T. Tracy. } Allahabad Presbytery.

C. B. Newton.
T. Scott. } Furrukhabad Presbytery.

F. Heyl.
J. F. Houston. } Lodiana Presbytery.

A. Brodhead.
W. Basten. } Lahore Presbytery.

Committee on Narrative.

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J. H. Morrison, D. D.
J. M. Alexander.

Change of name.

The attention of the Synod having been called to the change in its name which was made by the last General Assembly, it was ordered :—

That the change be hereafter recognized and the Synod known as the Synod of India.

Reports of Former Committees.

Reports of the various Committees appointed at the last Meeting of Synod were called for as follows :

Committee on Standards.

The Committee appointed to prepare a revised translation of the Confession of Faith and Shorter Catechism, and a translation of the Larger Catechism reported that in consequence of the return of Rev. J. Newton, and Rev. E. H. Sayre to America, the Committee had been altered by Circular so as to consist of Revs. J. H. Morrison, Ullmann, and Kellogg; that the Committee was still engaged upon the work committed to them, and hoped to complete it soon. The report was accepted, Rev. J. Newton, was put upon the Committee in place of Rev. S. H. Kellogg, now absent in America, and J. J. Caleb, of Allahabad

Re-construction of Committee.

was added to it; so that the Committee will now consist of J. H. Morrison, D. D., J. F. Ullmann, J. Newton, J. J. Caleb.

Attention having been called to the want of a translation of the form of Government and Directory for Public worship, a Committee was appointed for this purpose, as follows: J. Newton, Jr. M. D., A. Brodhead, T. S. Wynkoop, Golok Náth.

Committee on Form of Government and Directory for Worship.

The Committee appointed to continue the correspondence with reference to Presbyterian Union, report, that in the discharge of the duties assigned them they issued the following Circular:

Report of Committee of Correspondence with reference to Presbyterian Union.

Dear Brother in the Lord,

At the meeting of the Synod of Northern India held at Saháranpúr in December 1868, the Committee appointed at the previous meeting to correspond with the different Presbyterian bodies in this country, with a view of ascertaining what could be done in the matter of organizing a United General Assembly of all Presbyterians in India, reported a letter which they had sent to bodies of Presbyterians and individuals.

The Committee go on to say "many of the letters sent have not been answered, but we think the answers received, represent all Presbyterian Bodies in India except one. So far as we have received answers, the object is cordially approved. No one has offered an objection to it. Some have suggested difficulties in the way of carrying the plan into operation, such as differences of language and the difficulties of travel. Some feel that they must first consult their home authorities, and others are not yet fully organized as a church themselves, and therefore while approving the thing are not yet perpared to enter into it, but still hope that time may come."

"Your Committee, would therefore recommend, that one from each Presbytery be appointed to continue this correspondence, and endeavour to induce other bodies of Presbyterians to appoint similar Committees, to confer either by letter, or to arrange a meeting among themselves for conference, as to what are the practical difficulties in the way of a United Presbyterian General Assembly for India,—how those difficulties, may be overcome, and on what term such union could be accomplished. Definite information on these points having been obtained, these Committees should report the results to their respective bodies for their consideration and final action; but they should have no authority to

commit the bodies represented to any course of action, each body being left as free to carry out their own views on the subject as though they had not sent any committee of correspondence or consultation."

"This Report and recommendation was unanimously appoved and adopted, and the undersigned were appointed the Committee."

We would therefore respectfully request you to lay this communication before the Session or Presbytery, with which you may be connected in this country, or the Presbyterians at your station, and at your earliest convenience let us know your views on the subject.

Will you appoint a Committee and shall the consultation be by correspondence or by meeting together? If the latter, *when* and *where* would you suggest the most suitable time and place of such meeting? If there are no other Presbyterians with whom you can consult, will you not favor us with your views, and by letter or by meeting with us, unite in the General Committee of Consultation?

Hoping to hear from you on this subject as soon as may be convenient.

Believe us,

Very sincerely,

Your brethren in the Lord,

Committee. { J. H. Morrison, D. D.,....*Umballa.*
John J. Walsh,.....*Allahabad.*
Sam. H. Kellogg,.....*Futtehgurh.*

This Circular led to further correspondence which resulted in the appointment of a meeting of Presbyterians of different denominations, for conference on the subject. That conference was held in Allahabad on the 5th and 6th January 1871, and its proceedings published.

J. H. MORRISON, Chairman,
Committee of Correspondence.

On motion the report of this Committee was accepted and approved.

Inquiry as to Deacons.

The Synod proceeded to inquire of the representatives of the several churches whether they had elected Deacons according to the action of the Synod at its last Meeting (see

page 94 of the printed Minutes.) The Lodiana and Furrukhabad Churches reported that they had elected and ordained Deacons.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported that they had translated and published the Pastoral letter intrusted to them. The report was accepted. Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The Committee on the Hindustáni Hymn Book reported that the book has been prepared and is now in press. They also exhibited to the Synod the sheets containing the first hundred hymns. The report was accepted and approved. Report of Committee on Hymn Book.

The Committee appointed to draft a letter to the Board of Foreign Missions on certain overtures to the General Assembly (see printed Minutes for 1868, page 102) reported that the letter had been sent. The report was accepted. Report of Committee on Correspondence with the Board.

The Committee on correspondence with the Evangelical Alliance reported that the letter which is contained in the Minutes of 1868, had been sent, but that no reply had been received, and no notice taken of its suggestions. The report was accepted. Report of Committee on Evangelical Alliance.

Synod adjourned with prayer, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Tuesday, Nov. 14th.

Synod was called to order at 11 A. M. and opened with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called, and the Minutes read for correction. The Rev. J. A. Lambert, of the London Missionary Society was invited to sit as a Corresponding member. Additional Corresponding Member.

The Docket Committee reported the following items:

I.—What action shall be taken with regard to a Theological School? Docket.

II.—Shall an overture be sent to the General Assembly asking the appointment of a chair of Evangelistic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary?

III.—Shall Synod transact any business by circular letter; and if so, what new rules shall be adopted for the purpose?

IV.—Shall a Missionary conference be invited to meet next year; and if so, where?

V.—What opinion shall the Synod express with regard to the proposed India Christian Marriage Bill.

VI.—Shall delegates be sent by the Synod to attend the Meeting of the India Annual Conference of the Methodist church?

VII.—Shall the Synod enter into correspondence with the General Assembly's Committee regarding the children of Missionaries?

VIII.—Shall a Pastoral Letter be addressed by the Synod to the churches within its bounds?

IX.—Shall the Synod invite the people of God throughout the world to unite on the first day of the Annual Week of Prayer in praying for the speedy union under one visible organization of all the children of God baptized by the one spirit of God into the one body of Christ?

The Report of the Docket Committee was accepted and adopted.

Presbytery of Lahore.

Inquiry was made whether the Presbytery of Lahore had been formed, in accordance with the requirement of the Synod (see printed Minutes 1868, page 101.) It was reported that the directions of the Synod had been complied with.

Theological School.

On motion the 1st Item of the Docket was taken up. The Synod requested the reading of papers which had been prepared upon the subject of a Theological School by T. S. Wynkoop and E. M. Wherry. After listening to these papers, the Synod, impressed with the importance of the subject and the need of divine guidance, requested the Moderator to lead them in prayer to God. After prayer, it was on motion ordered, that the Moderator and the authors of the two papers read, together with three other members to be chosen by ballot, should be appointed a Committee to examine and report on the whole subject.

Committee on Theological School.

After a ballot, the following were declared the Committee:

J. Newton, E. M. Wherry, T. S. Wynkoop, A. Brodhead, J. H. Morrison, D. D., C. W. Forman.

Professor of Evangelistic Theology.

The 2nd Item of the Docket was called for. It was on motion resolved, that the Synod submit an Overture to the General Assembly, for the appointment of a Professor or Professors of Evangelistic Theology, to labor in the Theological Seminaries of our Church.

Committee to draft Overture.

The following were appointed a Committee to prepare this Overture:—

J. Newton, J. J. Walsh, T. S. Wynkoop.

The 3rd Item of the Docket was taken up, and on motion it was

Transaction of Synodical business by Circular.

Resolved, That the business of the Synod may be transacted by Circular when emergency shall arise.

With regard to the second question of the 3rd Item, it was moved, that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare any rules that may be necessary for the transaction of business by Circular.

Committee on Synodical Circulars.

The Committee was appointed as follows:—

J. H. Morrison, D. D., W. F. Johnson, J. F. Holcomb.

Synod adjourned with prayer by G. A. Seeley, to meet on Wednesday at 11-30 A. M.

Wednesday Morning, Nov. 15th.

Synod met at the appointed hour, and was opened with prayer by F. Heyl. The Roll was called, and the Minutes read and approved.

Additional Corresponding Member.

J. Murray Mitchell D. D. of the Free Church Presbytery of Calcutta was invited to sit as Corresponding Member.

Reports of Committee on Synodical Circulars.

The Committee to prepare rules for the transaction of business by Circular Letter presented their Report. It was accepted, and the following were adopted as:

Rules for the transaction of Synodical business by Circular Letter.

I.—All Circulars on business of the Synod shall be first sent to the Moderator to be by him circulated among the Members.

II.—When any Circular in the course of transmission receives any important amendment or change, or develops serious difference of opinion among the members, it shall be sent around a second time, in the same direction as at first, to give any member an opportunity of changing his

vote; or such second transmission may be called for by any two members of the Synod.

Invitation to Rev. S. R. Wynkoop.

On motion Rev. S. R. Wynkoop, was invited to address the Synod at a time that should suit his convenience and that of the Synod.

Committee on General Missionary Conference.

The 4th Item of the Docket was called for, and a letter bearing upon the subject of that item from H. E. Perkins, Esq., C. S. was read. It was resolved, that a Committee be appointed, to consist of the Moderator and two associated members, to correspond with the various other Missionary bodies in reference to the calling of a General Indian Missionary Conference.

The Committee was appointed as follows:—

J. Newton, D. Herron, A. Brodhead.

Committee on Marriage Bill.

The 5th Item of the Docket was called for, a Bill recently proposed by the Government of India, regulating Indian Christian Marriages, was presented for consideration, and on motion was referred to the following Committee to prepare a Minute.

J. H. Morrison, D. D., W. F. Johnson.

Deputation to visit Conference of M.E Church.

The 6th Item was called for, and a letter was presented from Rev. J. M. Thoburn, Corresponding Secretary of the India Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church U. S. of America, inviting the Synod to send a deputation to the Meeting of the Conference to be held in Moradabad, January 11th 1872, with a view to a formal interchange of fraternal salutations between our respective bodies.

On motion, A. Brodhead, and E. M. Wherry, were ap-

pointed a Committee to visit the Conference and convey to that body the fraternal salutations of the Synod.

Missionaries' Children at home.

The 7th Item was called for, B. D. Wyckoff, explained to the Synod the action of the late General Assembly concerning the children of Missionaries. On motion it was

Committee.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to correspond with the General Assembly's Committee concerning the children of Missionaries, and to report to the Synod at its next meeting.

The following were appointed upon that Committee:

B. D. Wyckoff, R. Thackwell.

A resolution was introduced bearing upon the subject of the 4th Item of the Docket, and it was

Instructions to Committee on General Missionary Conference.

Resolved, that the Committee appointed to correspond on the subject of a General Indian Missionary Conference be authorized to act in behalf of the Synod as may seem best to the Committee.

Committee to prepare Pastoral Letter.

The 8th Item of the Docket was taken up and on motion: Rev. J. Newton Jr., and Dáyá Rám, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Pastoral letter in the Hindustaní language to the churches under the care of the Synod. It was directed that an English translation of the letter be prepared for insertion in the Minutes.

Committee on Docket Item IX.

The 9th Item of the Docket was called for, on motion J. H. Morrison, D. D., and D. Herron, were appointed to draw up a paper, as suggested, and report to the Synod.

The Minutes were read and after prayer by G. S Bergen, the Synod took a recess until 3-30 p. m.

Wednesday, 3-30 P. M.

Report of Committee on Records of Lahore Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Lahore Presbytery reported, that the book had not been brought to the Synod, and requested to be discharged. The report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Theological School.

The Committee to whom was referred the question of establishing a Theological School for the Synod reported as follows:

Establishment of a Theological Training School.

The Committee appointed to report upon the question of the establishment of a Theological Training School, met at the call of the Chairman.

Present: J. NEWTON, J. H. MORRISON, D. D., C. W. FORMAN, AUG. BRODHEAD, E. M. WHERRY, T. S. WYNKOOP.

The Session was opened with prayer by J. H. MORRISON, D. D., A. BRODHEAD was requested to keep a record of the proceedings of the Committee.

After a free interchange of opinion, it was resolved: That the Committee make the following recommendations to the Synod.

1. That a Theological Training School be established, and that it be placed within the bounds of the Furrukhábád Mission.

2. That the Synod designate a Principal, and as many Instructors as may be required, and that these constitute a Faculty for the government of the institution.

3. That the following be the scheme of study, it being

understood that all instruction be communicated through the Vernaculars.

Scheme of Study.

(1.) A thorough training in the use of the Urdú and Hindí languages.

(2.) The systematic study of the Word of God, embracing general and special introduction, with a view of the contents, scope and progress of the Divine Revelation.

(3.) Theology, Exegetical and Didactic.

(4.) The Evidences of Christianity, together with the Hindú and Mahommedan controversies.

(5.) History, Sacred and Profane, as far as this may serve to throw light upon God's purpose in the redemption of the world.

(6.) Homiletics.

4. That after an examination, held at the end of each term, the Instructors report to the Presbyteries the status of their respective students.

5. That the school shall be open to all Scripture Readers and Catechists in the employ of the Lodiana and Furrukhábád Missions, together with such other candidates for the ministry as may be sent by their respective Presbyteries, or by other Eclesiastical bodies not connected with the General Assembly.

6. That the Sessions of the School begin on the 15th of April and close on the 15th of October.

7. That the Rev. S. H. Kellogg be appointed Principal of the School, the Rev. Aug. Brodhead to occupy the position during Mr. Kellogg's absence from the country.

Instructors and Alternates.

8. That the following Instructors and Alternates be appointed,

For the Systematic study of the Word of God, Rev. T. S. Wynkoop.

Alternate, Rev. E. M. Wherry.

For Exegetical and Didactic Theology, Rev. J. Newton, M. D.

Alternate. Rev. J. Newton.

For the Evidences of Christianity, and the Hindú Controversy, Rev. K. C. Chatterjee.

Alternate, Rev. Golak Náth.

For the Mohammedan Controversy, Rev. J. H. Morrison, D. D.

Alternate, Rev. C. W. Forman.

For History, Sacred and Profane, Rev. S. H. Kellogg.

Alternate Rev. Aug. Brodhead.

For Homiletics, Rev. J. F. Ullmann.

9. That the Alternates thus appointed be, equally with the Instructors, members of the Faculty of the Training School.

The Report of the Committee was accepted, and on motion its recommendations were taken up *seriatim*. Each of these having been approved by the Synod, the recommendations as a whole were adopted.

Location of School.

With reference to the location of the School, Allahabad and Futtehgurh were put in nomination. It was ordered, that the vote be taken by ballot, and Allahabad was chosen.

The Synod adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator, and was closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

Friday Nov. 17*th* 8 P. M.

Address by Rev. S. R. Wynkoop.

Synod met at the call of the Moderator in evening Session, and was opened with prayer by J. S. Woodside, after which Rev. S. R. Wynkoop addressed the Synod in accordance with its previous request. The Moderator and others of the Synod responded to the address; and the Synod then adjourned to meet at the Moderator's call, and was closed with prayer.

Saturday Nov. 18*th* 11-30 A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Report of Committee on Records of Allahabad Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Allahabad Presbytery reported, that with certain exceptions the Records were found in order, and moved their approval with the insertion of the corrections in the Record Book. This report was accepted and adopted.

Report of Committee on Records of Furrukhabad Presbytery.

The Committee on the Records of the Furrukhábád Presbytery reported that these were in order and recommended their approval, with certain exceptions which should be inserted in the Record. The report was accepted and adopted.

Report of Committee on Indian Christian Marriage Bill.

The Committee to whom the Indian Christian Marriage Bill was committed for examination, reported, that they had carefully examined the proposed Bill and had found in it nothing to which the Synod could object. Their report was accepted and adopted.

Report of Committee with reference to Missionaries' Children at home.

The Committee to prepare a communication for the General Assembly's Committee concerning the children of Missionaries reported the following letter:

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE CHILDREN OF MISSIONARIES.

Dear Brethren,

We have been appointed by the Synod of India to correspond with you concerning the support and education of the children of Missionaries. We do not wish to dictate to you, but to stir you up by way of remembrance, and to give you any information, in our power, that you may desire. The necessity for some immediate and competent action is evident, when you remember that our children, while at home, receive but one hundred dollars a year; hardly enough to clothe them at a boarding school, and most of us have not funds of our own from which to supplement this sum, and besides this, we receive here only a *subsistence allowance*. Surely our church does not expect us to give our lives to the work of carrying out our Redeemer's last command, which involves, in this country, sooner or later, the terrible ordeal of a separation from our children, and in some cases that of husband and wife for a time, without giving us the means of providing for our children's education. We ought not to be expected to be willing to have them grow up without an education that will fit them for their duties in life, and especially, if the way be open, for joining us in our work here. If we go to the front to do the Mission work of our church, surely that church will see to it that our children do not suffer. We feel confident, that if this matter be clearly and forcibly presented to our people at home, it can be accomplished. We hope that one good result of raising the Memorial Fund on such a grand scale, will be, such an increase of liberality, that there will be no difficulty in carrying out this measure; but even if there should be, still we feel that we have a claim on our church in behalf of our children.

We hardly know what plan to propose. Free Missionary schools might be established, or an increased number of scholarships be placed at our disposal in some of our best schools and colleges, but we think the best plan of all would be, to so increase the allowance for our children, that the Missionary, in each case, could make whatever arrangement he thought best for them, just as other ministers do, as we believe that putting our children in schools by themselves would make them entirely too clannish, and so defeat one great object we have in view in sending them home, which is, that they may be surrounded with associations different from those to which they have always been accustomed.

We desire also to call your attention to a mistake in the title of your Committee, as given in the Minutes of the General Assembly. It is not the Committee on *Deceased* Missionaries' children merely, but on ALL Missionary children; as you will see in the Memorial of the Presbytery of Dayton, for the consideration of which you were appointed. *Deceased* Missionaries are not even mentioned.

Trusting that you will be guided with wisdom from above, and reach such conclusions as will enable us to attain the object aimed at in that Memorial, and which we believe will be for the furtherance of the cause of Christ.

We remain,

Your's fraternally,

B. D. WYCKOFF, R. THACKWELL, } *Committee.*

ALLAHABAD: *November 18th* 1871.

The Report of the Committee was accepted and adopted, and it was ordered that the Letter be forwarded to the General Assembly's Committee, and printed in the Minutes of the Synod.

Report of Committee on Christian Union.

The Committee appointed to prepare an address to all Christians upon the subject of Christian Union reported the following address:

TO GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

DEAR BRETHREN,

Thirteen years ago, some of our number, the members of the Lodiana Mission, sent an invitation to the people of God in all lands to unite in observing a week of prayer for a universal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is well remembered, how the heart of the Christian world responded to this invitation. The movement was acknowledged, and has been eminently blessed of God. Year after year, most precious revivals have followed the week of prayer. One of its most blessed fruits has been a clearer, fuller and more loving recognition of the unity of all believers in Christ, and a growing desire among them, to co-operate in the work of the Lord, and to draw nearer to each other in the bonds of Christian fellowship. We rejoice to see in this, not only, an effect of the Spirit's presence, but, also a pledge that this same Spirit shall be poured out in still richer measure; for we have the promise, that where brethren dwell together in unity, there he is present with his most fragrant and refreshing gifts. May we not rejoice in this also, as the beginning of the answer to our Saviour's prayer: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they all may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Believing that it is the delightful duty and privilege of every one who has the Spirit of Christ, to pray and labor for that object which was last on the Saviour's heart before the hour of his agony had come, and the principal subject of his last affecting prayer with his disciples; and believing this unity of the brethren to be the most eminent means of securing the comforting, sanctifying, and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit and the best means of defeating the enemies of Christ, and convincing the world of his divine mission, we would, earnestly, invite all Christians throughout the world to unite on the first day of the week of prayer, from year to year, in beseeching the Lord, for the speedy manifestation of the union of God's people for which Christ prayed.

The Report was accepted and adopted. It was ordered that one thousand copies, signed by the Moderator, should be printed for circulation, and that J. NEWTON, J. H. MORRISON, D. D., and D. HERRON be appointed a Committee to carry this into effect.

Pastoral Letter.

The Committee appointed to draw up a Pastoral Letter to the Churches under the care of the Synod, reported the purport of the Letter which they had prepared. The name of AUG. BRODHEAD was added to the Committee, and the completion of the Letter was entrusted to them, to be printed in the Minutes and circulated among the Churches.

Additional member to Committee and Instructions.

The Synod of India,

To

THE CHURCHES WHICH ARE UNDER ITS CARE.

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

BELOVED,

We render thanks on your account, and pray on your behalf, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, would give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that you may thoroughly know what is the hope of his calling, and what is the riches of the glory of the inheritance of God's saints. For until believers recognize their high and wondrous calling, how is it possible for them to walk worthily of it?

As the Father manifests his holy attributes only through the Son, even so does the Son manifest his glory only through the

Church. The Church, that is the company of all true believers, is the Temple of God, for the Holy Spirit dwells within it. The Church is the Body of Christ, even the fullness of him who filleth all things in all. Finally the Church is Christ's Vicegerent. Even as the moon, receiving its light from the sun, enlightens the earth, so does the Church, during the absence of Christ, having obtained light from her Head, enlighten this dark world.

We learn from the Holy Scriptures, that the Tabernacle erected by Moses in the wilderness, and the Temple built by Solomon upon Mount Zion both prefigured the body of the Lord Jesus. But since all believers are members of Christ (seeing that the Spirit of Christ dwells in them) the Church too, as being Christ's Body, is the Temple of God. Hence all that is written in the Old Testament of the Temple, points not to Christ alone, but to his Church as well. It alone in this world is the House of God. In its Holy of Holies alone is the ark of the Covenant, containing the Law of God. Here alone is the Mercy seat. Nowhere else can tidings of forgiveness be obtained. To proclaim to the world God's Commandments, and to give to the world the glad news of the blood of Jesus: both of these depend on the Church alone. In this Temple alone is the golden Candlestick from which issues the Light of the world. In it alone is the golden Table from which the world may obtain the Bread of Life. In it alone is the golden Altar from which the sweet incense of intercession and thanksgiving on behalf of the world ascends into the presence of God. In short, in this dark and fallen world God has but one dwelling place. It is the Church of Christ. The sinner who does not enter this Temple can know neither God's holy will nor the unholiness of his own heart: nor can he obtain the remission of his sins nor the gift of the Holy Spirit.* The salvation of every individual and the peace of every country depends upon the Church. The Church is the Candlestick not only of the world, but of England and of India as well. Without this Candlestick no country can possibly be enlightened.

Consider now, that as the *entire* Church is the Temple of the *world*, so *you* are the Temple of *India*. By you alone can India be illumined. From you alone can India obtain the Bread of Life.

And now, brethren, have you realized your high calling? Do you understand how lofty and wonderful is the office which God has conferred upon you? Have you learned why it is that God, having delivered you from the power of darkness, has brought you into the marvellous light of the Kingdom of his beloved Son? That it is not merely that *you* might be saved from destruction, but in order that by means of this small amount of leaven the whole of India might be leavened? Yes, for India the company of you [believers] is God's Temple, in which alone he dwells and manifests forth his glory. It is you alone who are the Light of this land. It

* It need hardly be said that the *invisible* Church is the subject throughout.

is from you alone that this people can obtain the Bread of Life. It is from you alone that the incense of intercession and thanksgiving can rise up on their behalf to the throne of God. Whatsoever the Church shall bind in India, shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever the Church shall loose in India, shall be loosed in heaven. If you do not give the Light of Christ to your countrymen and neighbours, will they not stumble on in darkness and be destroyed? If you do not give them the Bread of heaven, will they not perish of hunger? If you do not make intercession for them, who else shall care for them?

But all these functions belong to the *Church*, that is to a *company* of believers. A company consists of many individuals *united together*. Unless believers are joined and remain knotted together the Church will by no means be able to fulfill her lofty functions. A house cannot be built of one brick. Nor do thousands of bricks constitute a house, unless they are placed in order, every one in its proper place and bound together with mortar. Not until it is itself built and adorned can the Temple of God be a Light to enlighten the Gentiles. Nor will it be built unless believers all unite with one heart in labouring and toiling for its erection and extension.

Beloved, we would ask each one of you, whether man or woman, this one question.—Are *you* rendering service in the building of this Temple? If you are helping forward this work, then *how* are you doing so? *What service are you rendering to the Body of Christ?* Brethren, many Christians are very selfish. They seek solely their own salvation and their own spiritual nourishment and growth; and render no help in the building and extension of the Church. But do not forget that whosoever truly loves Christ, will not hold back from this work. Christ is in glory: he has need of nothing. But his Body is upon earth. To love and cherish and build up that Body is the sole employment Christ has committed both to you and to us.

Let no one for a moment suppose that this is the work of ministers alone. In the building of a house many kinds of service are needed. One makes the bricks or cuts the stones; another lays them in their places; another brings water; another mixes the mortar; another cuts the wood. Masons are needed; carpenters are needed; many sorts of labours and workmen are needed. Men, women and children,—all may join together to help forward this work. Even as when Moses erected the Tabernacle in the wilderness, *all* the Children of Israel, both men and women, joined together with great zeal and energy in giving help.

Therefore, to whomsoever God has granted special ability, let them, according to their respective abilities, render their help. "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every one for the common profit. To one is given by the Spirit, a word of wisdom: to another, a word of knowledge by the same Spirit, &c." (See 1 Cor. 12: 7, 8, &c.,) Let some teach children. Let others feed the Church as pastors. Those who have received no qualifications of

this sort can at least give tithes of their worldly substance. There are, indeed, many who say. "I am myself very poor. Am I to leave my children to suffer hunger while I give my money to strangers?" Is then Christ a stranger? Is Christ's Church a stranger? Is it possible you do not know that he who gives to the Lord shall receive the same again with usury? He that has but little should give but little: he that has much should give much. But one duty is binding upon all. Every man should set aside the tenth of his income for the Lord. The rich should doubtless give more than this: but *less* than this ought none to give.

This advice of ours is nothing new. Not in Europe and America alone, but in Turkey, Madagascar, and other countries as well have thousands of believers tried this plan. There are very many, especially among the poor, who have for many years regularly given away a tenth of their income. All these testify that since they began this plan the Lord has fed them and supplied their wants more perfectly than ever before. Not one can say, I have suffered loss. And wherever this plan has become common, the Lord has advanced the growth of the Church. The Holy Spirit has been poured out, and the zeal of the Church has been made manifest to all the surrounding population.

In conclusion, we urge upon you all, especially these two request:—1*st*. We ask those young men in your midst on whom the Lord has bestowed fitness for the work of watching and shepherding a flock,—to dedicate yourselves as whole burnt-offerings to the Lord Jesus. True, in this world you will not gain profit. This is not a path in which worldly riches or honour can ever be earned. But if you truly love Christ, then know, for certain, that there is no occupation which gladdens the heart of the Lord Jesus like this. 2*ndly*. As for those to whom God has given neither opportunity nor fitness for this calling, we would ask to choose for yourselves faithful pastors, at every station,—and after raising among yourselves money sufficient for their support, to set them over this work. It is a matter of the utmost regret that as yet there are very few Native pastors of Churches in Northern India. It is for this reason that the growth of the Church has been so small, and that she has exerted so little influence over the heathen. Some pastors there are, it is true. There are even a few, whose salary is contributed in part by their flocks. But the greater number are supported by the Mission alone.

Beloved, until this thing is changed, we are well assured that the Holy Spirit will not be poured out upon you: nor will there be any advance in the growth of the Church. Remember what the Prophet Haggai has written:—"This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built. Then came the word of the Lord to Haggai the Prophet, saying. Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this House lie waste?

* * Consider your ways. Ye have sown much and bring in

little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink. * * Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."—(Haggai 1: 5—8.)

Brethren, beware. He that has a desire to serve Christ, to him shall more be given. He that hath no such desire, even that which he hath shall be taken away from him.

Finally, brethren, we commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to make you perfect, and to give you an inheritance with all them that are sanctified. The necessary qualifications for your exalted position can be obtained from Christ alone. Never for a moment lean upon any human being. As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him alone: be rooted in Him: be built up upon Him That new creation which is in Christ was neither born of the flesh, nor can it from the flesh receive the least nourishment. Beware of leaning on your ministers, be they European or Native. Be sure of this, that precisely in proportion as you look to man, will you fail to derive strength from Christ. Be ye not servants of men: but serve ye all the Lord Christ. You, as well as we,—are Christ's. He that bought us, bought you also, with his precious blood. Therefore Christ is yours as well as ours. According to the degree in which we all abide in Him, shall we be anointed with his Spirit, whereby we shall both be knit together and bear much fruit; for he says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me and I in him, the same shall bring forth much fruit: for WITHOUT ME, YE CAN DO NOTHING."

The following was on motion adopted by the Synod:

Instruction of Christian Women.

Resolved, That the Principal and Instructors of our Theological Training School be authorized to make arrangements for the proper training of the wives of our students of Theology, and other Christian women, who may wish to avail themselves of such training.

Committee to secure fund for Library of Theo. School.

That J. J. WALSH, W. F. JOHNSON, and S. H. KELLOGG, be appointed a Committee to secure funds for the establishment of a Library in connection with the Theological Training School.

Residence for Instructors.

That the Synod memorialize the Board of Foreign Missions for a grant of the funds necessary to provide and furnish a residence for the Instructors who come from

important is the field to be covered, that at least the following courses of study or lecture should be included, *viz* :—

1st. The pre-eminent grandeur and importance of the Missionary enterprize, as the divinely appointed means of carrying forward the great scheme of redemption and thus preparing the way for the glorious coming of our Lord.

2nd. The claims of this enterprize on the Church at large and every member of it, for the full carrying out of our Saviour's Great Commission in the determined propagation with a burning zeal of Christian faith and practice to the remotest bounds of the earth.

3rd. The History of Christian Missions, as carried on since the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit with varying zeal and success, and in these last days renewed with special tokens of the favor of God.

4th. The countries and Peoples in and among whom the Missionary work of the Church is carried on, and the leading religions of the heathen world with the false, and often subtle philosophies which underly them.

5th. The true Theory of Mission work discussed, with the various plans pursued in different Missions and their practical results.

6th. The mutual relations of the Missionary to the Church at home, and of the Church to her Missionaries and their families.

On motion, the report of the Committee was accepted and adopted, and the Overture directed to be sent to the General Assembly.

Place of next Meeting.

On motion it was ordered that when the Synod adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the Lodiana Mission two years hence, 1873 A. D.

Publication of Minutes.

The Minutes as a whole were read and approved, and the Stated Clerk was directed to have two hundred copies printed.

On motion the Synod finally adjourned, and was closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

J. NEWTON, *Moderator.*

T. S. WYNKOOP, *Clerk.*

AUG. BRODHEAD,
Stated Clerk.